

Application No.: 09/974040

Case No.: 56685US002

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 7-15, 17-21, 23, 24, 29, 32, 36-38 and 45-53 are pending. Claims 5, 6, 25-28, 30 and 31 have been canceled. No claims are amended. No claims have been added.

§ 112 Rejections

Claims 5, 6, 25-28 and presumably 30 and 31 stand rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention.

The rejected claims have been cancelled.

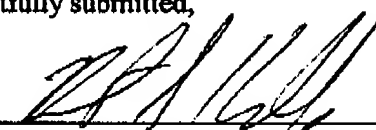
In view of the above, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application is requested. Allowance of claims 1, 2, 7-15, 17-21, 23, 24, 29, 32, 36-38 and 45-53 at an early date is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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